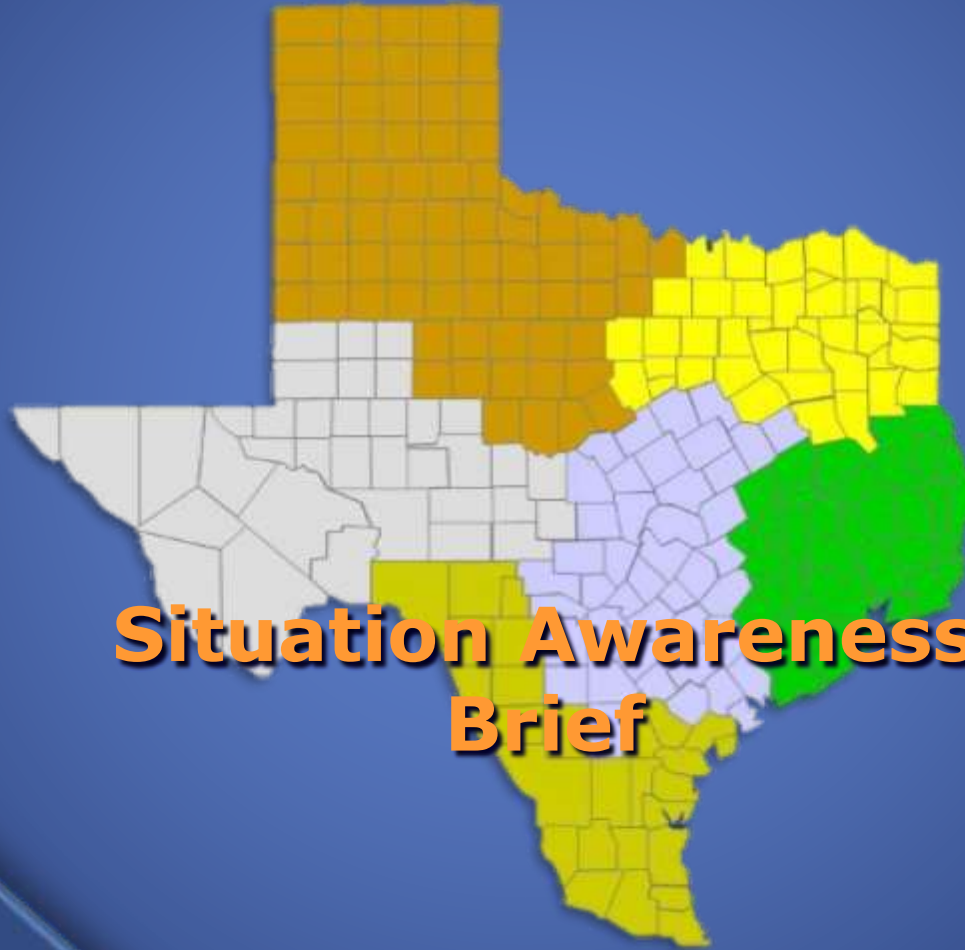


# **Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center**



## **Situation Awareness Brief**



**Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020  
As of 0900 CST**

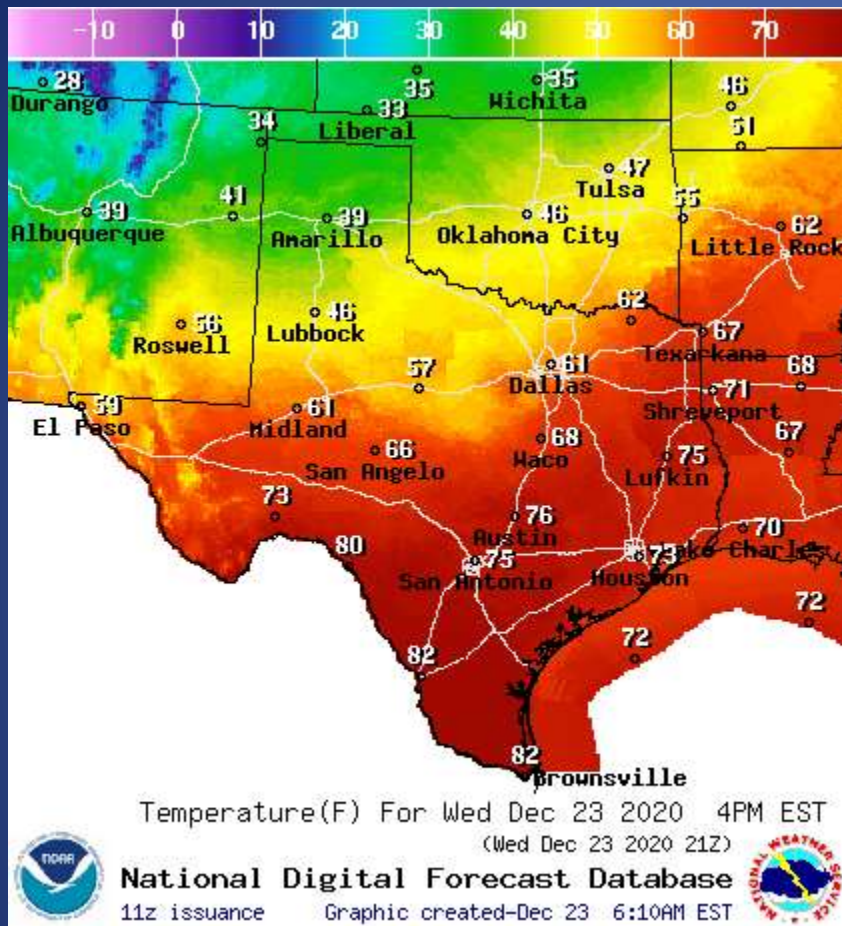
# Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Final Report (Y/N)
12/22/20	Final Report of a Boil Water Notice	Coryell County	Y

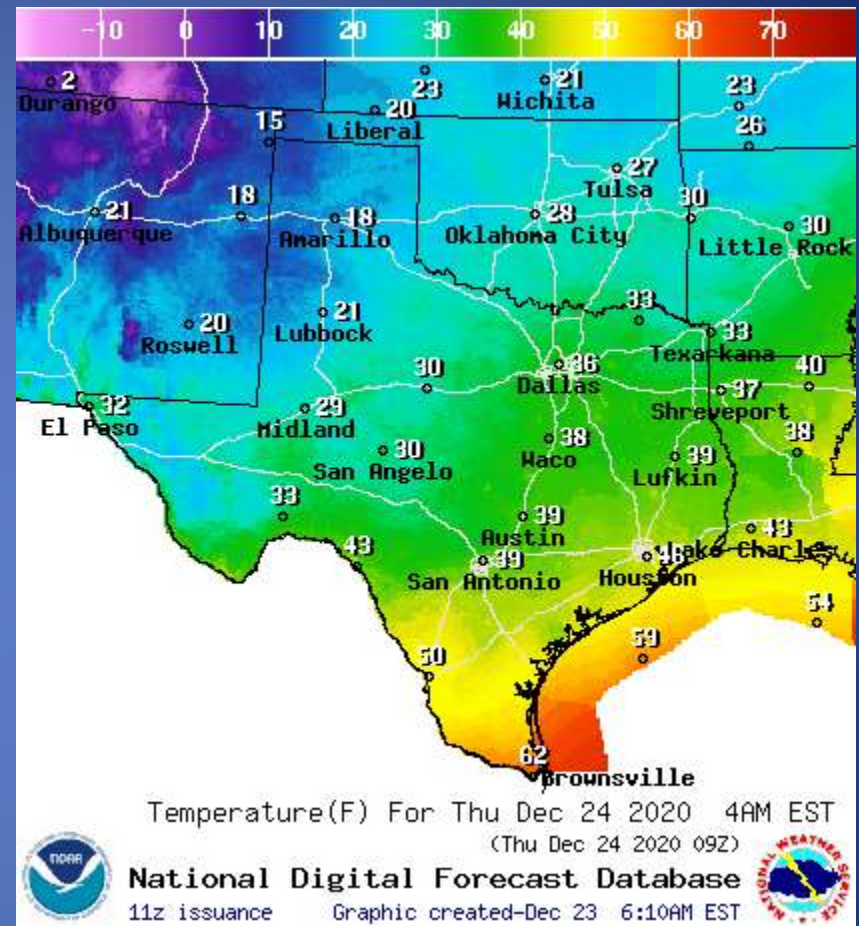
# Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
12/22/20	Clear Alert Activation - Bell County SO - Vankleef
12/22/20	CLEAR Alert Discontinuation - Bell County SO - Vankleef
12/23/20	NWS Lake Charles: Weather update: 4 AM Wed
12/23/20	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: Drought Information Statement

# Weather Forecast



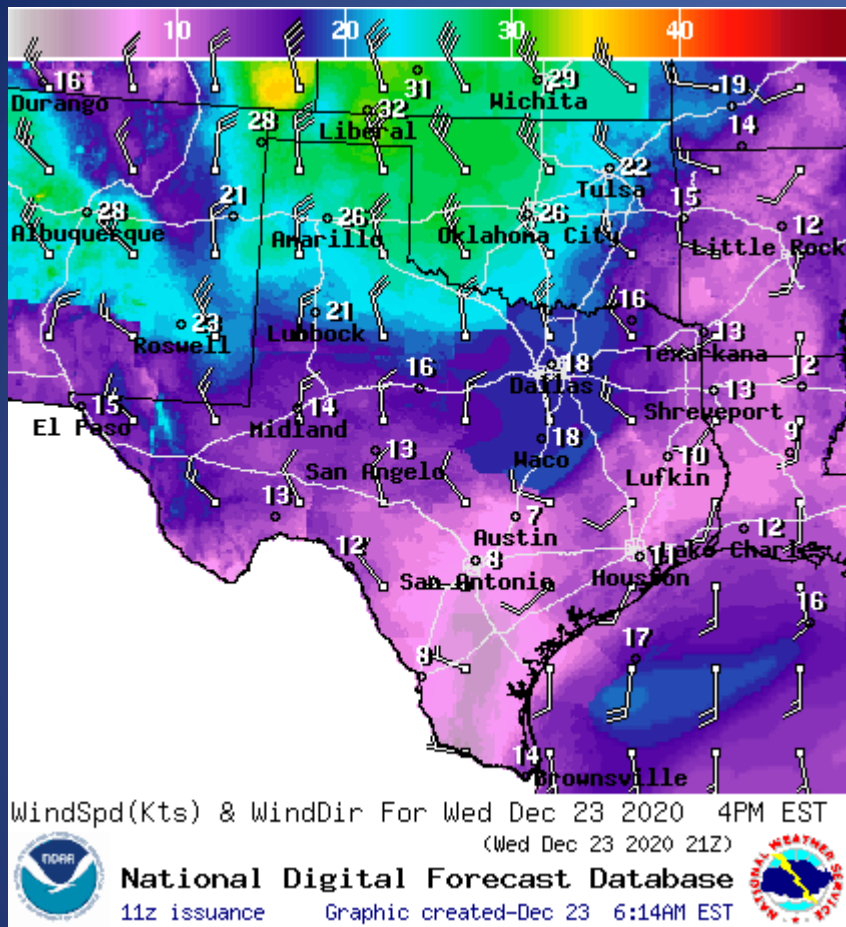
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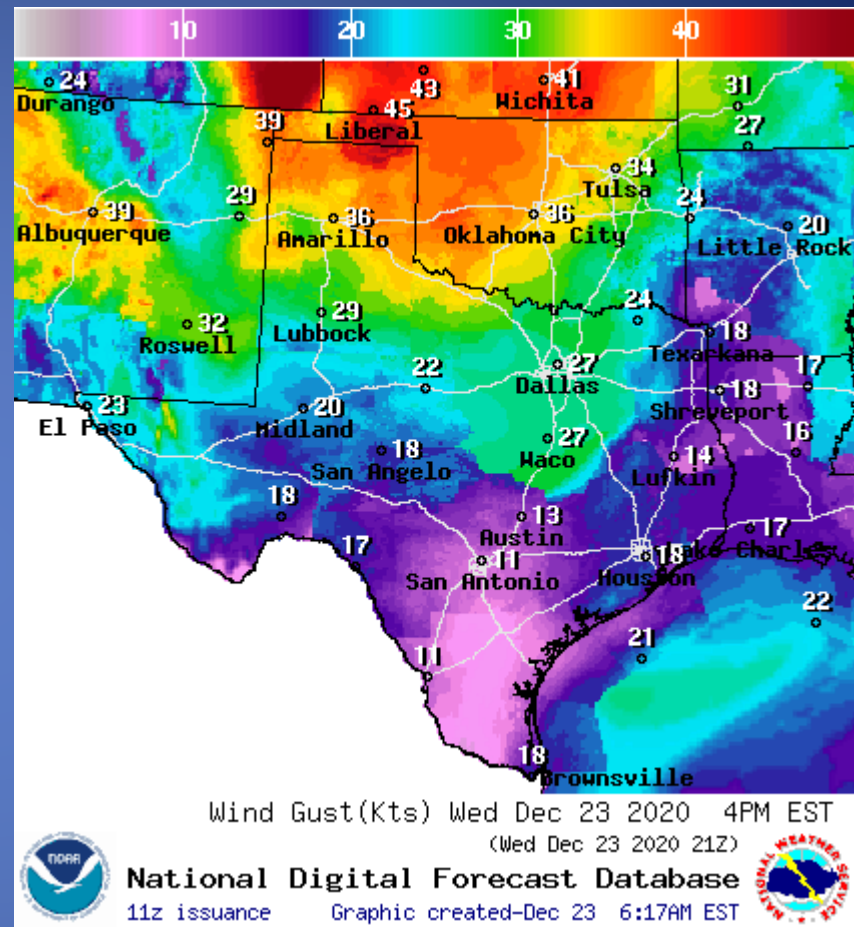
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# Weather Forecast

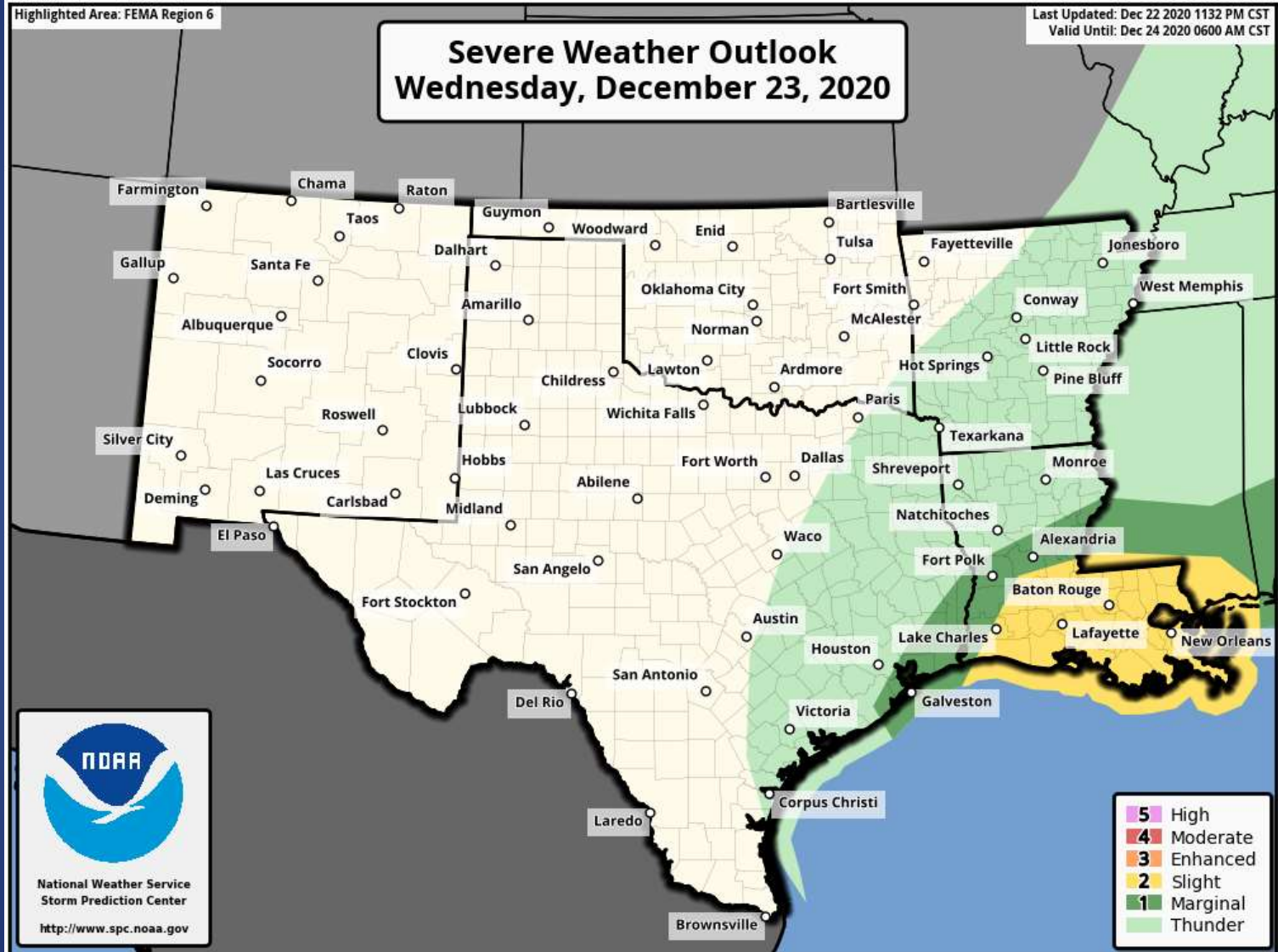


## Wind Speeds



## Gusts

# Hazardous Weather





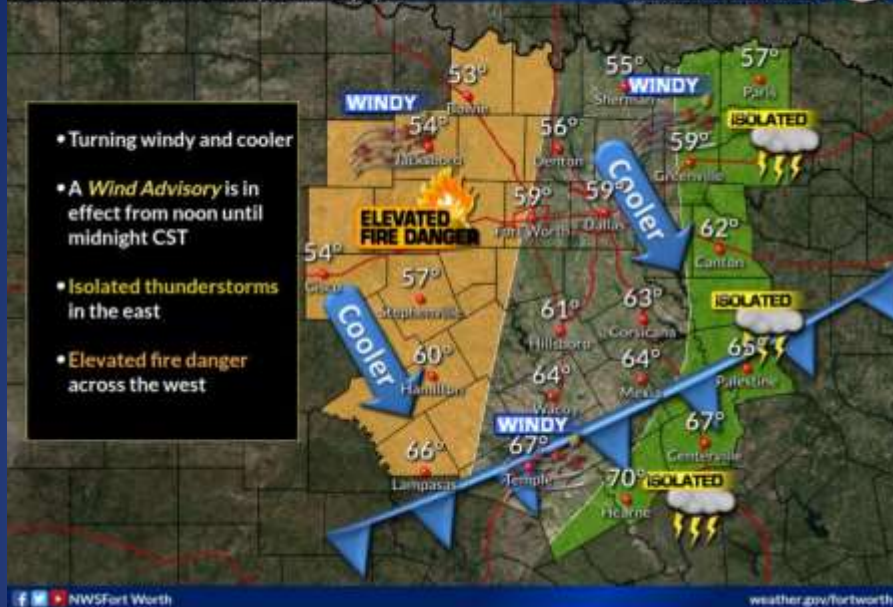
# Hazardous Weather

## Today

Cold Front Arrives - Afternoon Temperatures Displayed

Weather Forecast Office  
Fort Worth, TX

Issued Dec 23, 2020 2:17 AM CST



Windy and cooler conditions are expected today with the arrival of a cold front. The front will enter the northwest zones this morning, cross the I-20 corridor around midday, then exit to the southeast late this afternoon. A wind advisory has been issued for all of the region, as north winds of 20 to 30 MPH and gusts 35-40 MPH will develop behind the front. Windy conditions will continue into well into the evening, and the Wind Advisory runs from noon until midnight. Isolated storms are possible as the front encounters better moisture in the eastern counties. In addition, the dry and windy weather will create elevated grass fire danger across the west.

## Colder Tonight

Minimum Temperature Forecast Displayed

Weather Forecast Office  
Fort Worth, TX

Issued Dec 23, 2020 3:28 AM CST



Mostly clear and cold conditions are expected overnight with lows in the 20s and 30s by daybreak Thursday. Gusty north winds will continue through much of the evening, with wind speeds decreasing to around 10 MPH after midnight. The wind advisory will therefore remain in effect until midnight CST.

# Hazardous Weather



There is a Marginal Risk for strong to severe thunderstorms this afternoon and this evening across portions of Northeast Texas, Northern Louisiana and Southwest Arkansas. Damaging wind gusts and isolated tornadoes will be the main threats.



A Lake Wind Advisory means south to southwest winds of 15 to 20 mph with higher gusts could be hazardous on area waterways today.



# Hazardous Weather

## Hazards



**Strong northwesterly winds due to a cold front has warranted the issuance of an inland wind advisory, low water advisory for coastal areas, and gale warnings offshore. Expect northwesterly winds 10 to 20 MPH gusting to 35 MPH.**

## Today



**Showers and thunderstorms will develop as a cold front moves in from Texas. There is a slight risk of severe thunderstorms in advance of the cold front. Highs in the low 70's. Winds will be southerly at 5 to 15 MPH with gusts up to 20 MPH.**

# Hazardous Weather

## Gale Warning in Effect

Numbers are Max Wind Gusts

Weather Forecast Office  
Houston/Galveston TX  
Issued Dec 23, 2020 5:40 AM CST



**Strong NW winds develop behind the cold front on Wednesday bringing the Gale Warnings in the Gulf waters and/or Low Water Advisories in the Bays.**

## Wind Advisory Today - Thursday Morning

Max Wind Gusts are Plotted

Weather Forecast Office  
Houston/Galveston TX  
Issued Dec 23, 2020 5:25 AM CST



**Wind Advisory through Thursday morning.**



# Hazardous Weather

## Dangerous Marine Conditions

Mariners Should Seek Safe Harbor to Avoid These Conditions

Weather Forecast Office  
Corpus Christi, TX

Issued Dec 23, 2020 2:58 AM CST



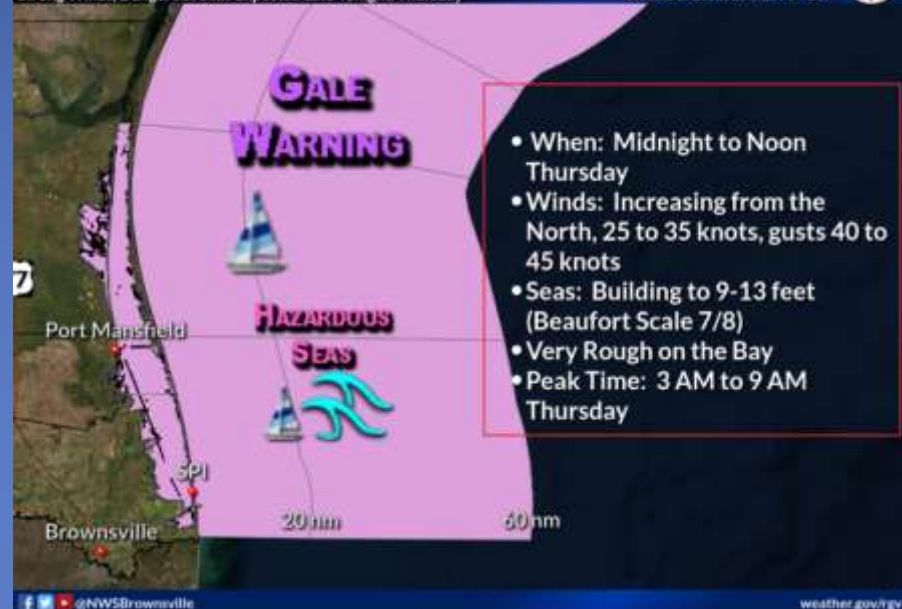
A cold front will move across the Middle Texas Coastal Waters Wednesday night with a strong north wind developing in its wake. A Gale Warning is in effect from midnight through noon on Thursday for winds of 30 to 40 knots. Seas of 6 to 11 feet are possible. Mariners should consider altering plans to avoid possible hazardous conditions.

## The Gales of December

Strong Winds, Dangerous Seas Expected Late Tonight/Thursday

Weather Forecast Office  
Brownsville/RGV, TX

Issued Dec 23, 2020 5:23 AM CST



Very strong and gusty northerly winds will develop behind a strong cold front late tonight. Winds of 25 to 35 knots are expected, peaking between 3 and 9 AM when gusts may reach 40 to 45 knots. Seas will build rapidly to between 9 and 13 feet, along with very rough wind waves. On Laguna Madre, very rough waters may produce waves up to 3 feet in the center channel. Small craft operators should plan to remain in port Christmas Eve Day, and other larger vessels should plan for dangerous conditions and consider avoiding the area until conditions improve Thursday night.



# Hazardous Weather

## Today

Afternoon Highs

Weather Forecast Office  
San Angelo, TX  
Issued Dec 23, 2020 4:42 AM CST



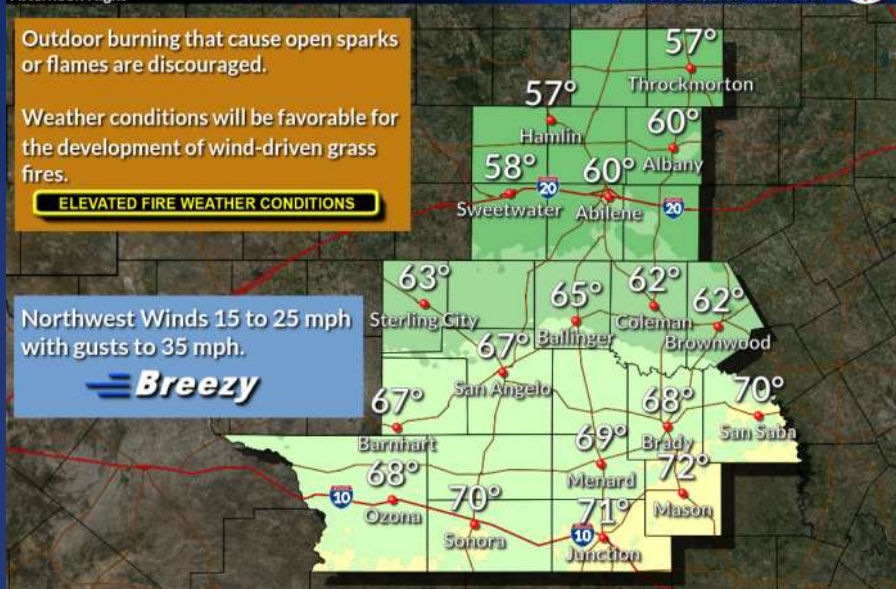
Outdoor burning that cause open sparks or flames are discouraged.

Weather conditions will be favorable for the development of wind-driven grass fires.

**ELEVATED FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Northwest Winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph.

**Breezy**



f NWSSanAngelo

weather.gov/sjt

**Expect breezy and dry weather today. Also, expect elevated fire weather conditions late this morning and afternoon.**

## Wind Advisory

In effect from 10 AM to 6 PM

Weather Forecast Office  
Lubbock, TX  
Issued Dec 23, 2020 3:41 AM CST



f NWSLubbock

weather.gov/lub

**A Wind Advisory is in effect for the southeast Texas Panhandle and northern Rolling Plains from 10 AM to 6 PM. Northerly winds of 25 to 35 mph, with gusts to 45 mph, are expected. The winds will make travel difficult on east-to-west oriented roadways and could blow away any unsecured items, including Christmas decorations.**

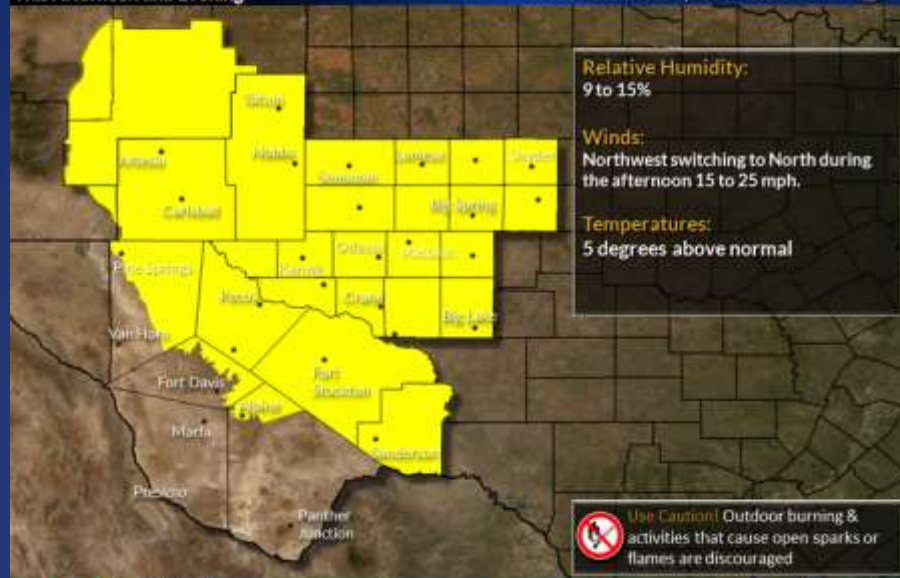
# Hazardous Weather

## Elevated Fire Danger

This Afternoon and Evening

Weather Forecast Office  
Midland/Odessa, TX

Issued December 23, 2020 3:55 AM CT



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[weather.gov/maf](https://weather.gov/maf)

## High Wind Warning

This evening

Weather Forecast Office  
Midland/Odessa, TX

Issued December 23, 2020 6:22 AM CT



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[weather.gov/maf](https://weather.gov/maf)

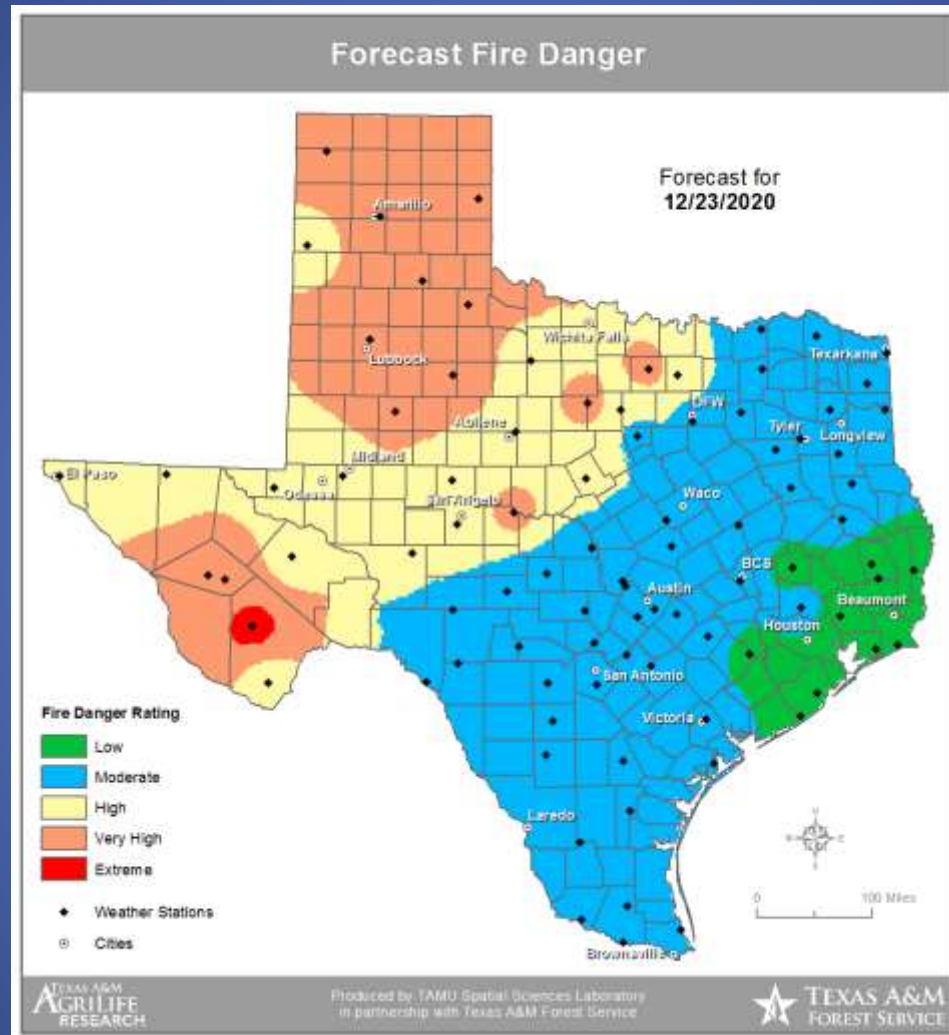


# Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
12/23/20	High Wind Warning	Guadalupe and Delaware Mountains affecting Culberson County



# Fire Danger Forecast



# Burn Ban

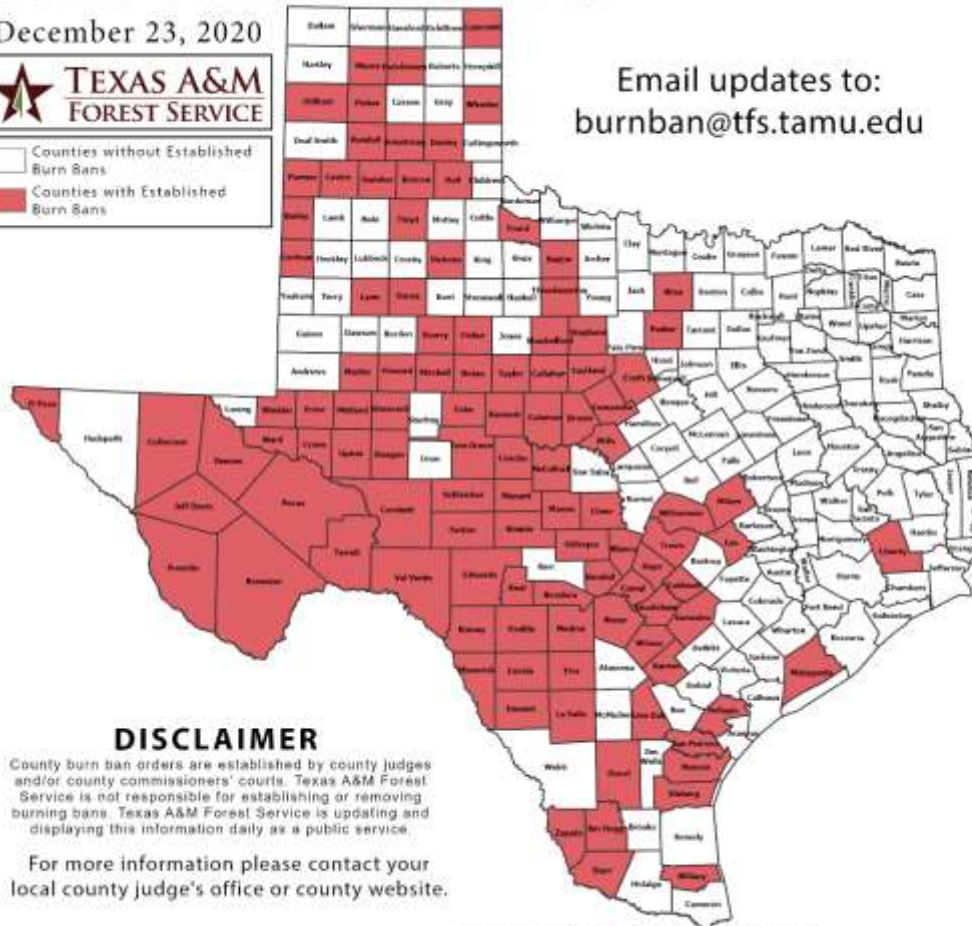
## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

December 23, 2020



Counties without Established Burn Bans  
Counties with Established Burn Bans

Email updates to:  
[burnban@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:burnban@tfs.tamu.edu)



### DISCLAIMER

County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

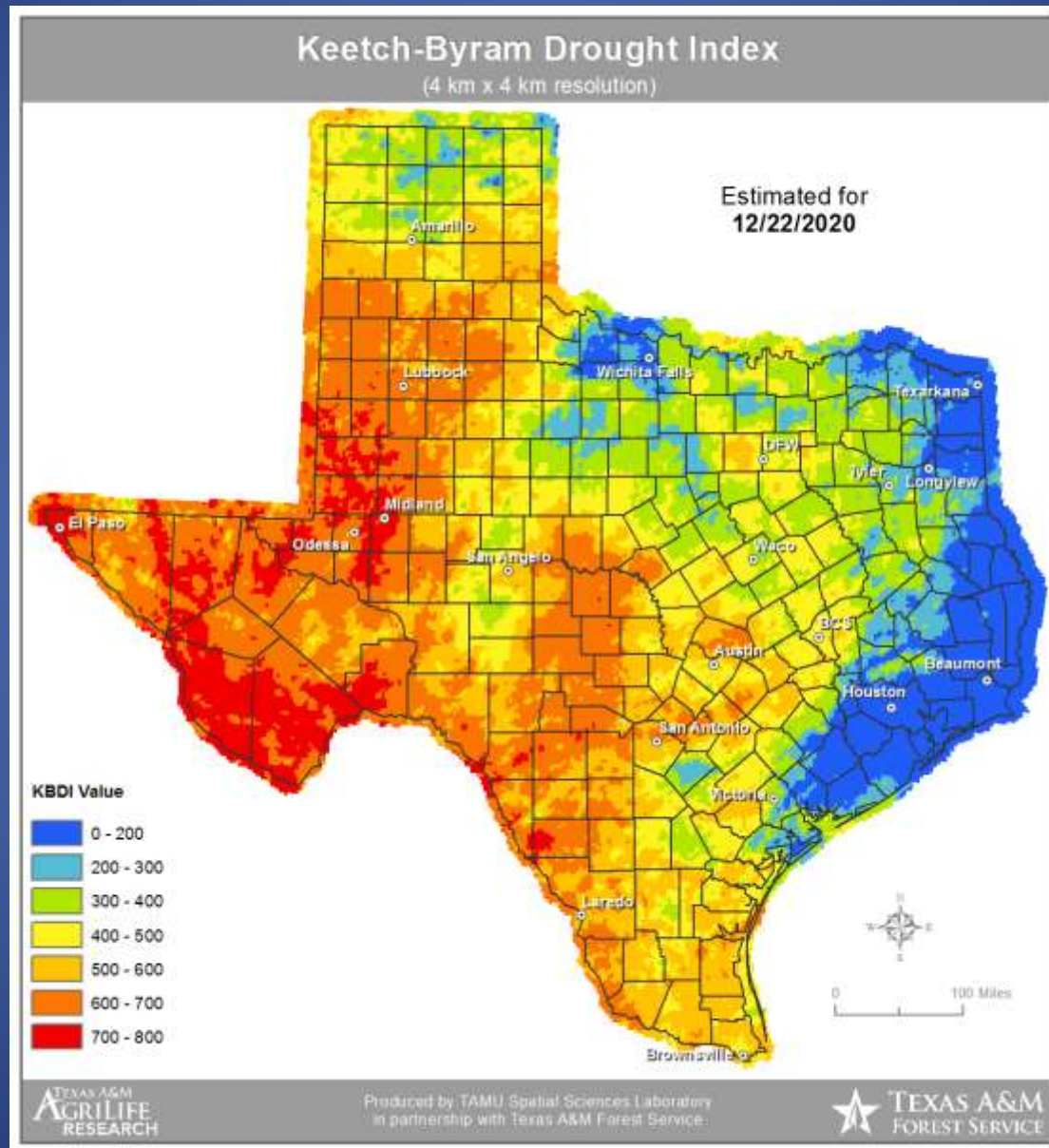
### Counties with Burn Bans: 108

Armstrong  
Bailey  
Bandera  
Baylor  
Bexar  
Blanco  
Brewster  
Briscoe  
Brown  
Caldwell  
Callahan  
Castro  
Cochran  
Coke  
Coleman  
Comal  
Comanche  
Concho  
Crane  
Crockett  
Culberson  
Dickens  
Dimmit  
Donley  
Duval  
Eastland  
Ector  
Edwards  
El Paso  
Erath  
Fisher  
Floyd  
Foard  
Frio  
Garza  
Gillespie  
Glasscock  
Gonzales  
Guadalupe  
Hall  
Hays  
Howard  
Hutchinson  
Jeff Davis  
Jim Hogg  
Karnes  
Kendall  
Kimble  
Kinney  
Kleberg  
La Salle  
Lee  
Liberty  
Lipscomb  
Live Oak  
Llano  
Lynn  
McCulloch  
Martin  
Mason  
Matagorda  
Maverick  
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Reeves  
Refugio  
Runnels  
San Patricio  
Schleicher  
Scurry  
Shackelford  
Starr  
Stephens  
Sutton  
Swisher  
Taylor  
Terrell  
Throckmorton  
Tom Green  
Travis  
Upton  
Uvalde  
Val Verde  
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Zapata  
Zavala

RED FLAG WARNINGS: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

# Keetch-Byram Drought Index





# Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/State

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
12/23/20	Fire Danger Statement	Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Ector, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Howard, Hockley, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kent, King, Kimble, Knox, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Winkler and Yoakum Counties
12/23/20	Grass Fire Danger Statement	Bosque, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Jack, Lampasas, Mills, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Stephens, Wise and Young Counties

# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 644 (+1) fires and 148,711 (+5) acres destroyed this year. There are 108 (No Change) with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list 155 (no change) counties with an average over 400.

